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SUBJ: MONTERREY VISIT OF REPRESENTATIVES OF "AMERICAN PEOPLE
FOR AMERICAN PRISONERS"

1. ON JANUARY 16 WE HAD VISIT BY MESSRS. WOOD AND GREGG, WHO STATED THEY CAME TO MONTERREY TO VISIT MICHAEL LEARY, FRIEND OF THEIRS, AT MONTERREY PENITENTIARY. LEARY CURRENTLY SERVING SENTENCE FOR THEFT AND PROPERTY DAMAGE. WOOD AND GREGG SAID THEY HAD VISITED LEARY AND WANTED ASK SEVERAL QUESTIONS HIS BEHALF. THEY PROCEEDED ASK NUMBER QUESTIONS CONCERNING PRISONERS IN GENERAL AND CONDITIONS OUR CONSULAR DISTRICT. PROTECTION OFFICER ABSENT THAT DAY, AND ACTING PROTECTION OFFICER GAVE ONLY GENERAL ANSWERS.

2. DURING ROUTINE VISIT TO MONTERREY PENITENTIARY JAN. 29, PROTECTION OFFICER LEARNED FROM PRISONERS THAT WOOD AND GREGG ACCOMPANIED BY ENGLISH-SPEAKING MEXICAN PRIEST MET ALL AMERICANS CONSIDERED TO PENITENTIARY. THEY TOLD AMERICAN PRISONERS THEY REPRESENTATIVES OF ORGANIZATION CALLED QUOTE AMERICAN PEOPLE FOR AMERICAN PRISONERS UNQUOTE. WOOD APPARENTLY CLERGYMAN WHO UNCLASSIFIED

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HAS BROTHER IN MEXICO CITY JAIL AND GREGG REPORTEDLY CONNECTED

WITH CALIFORNIA SENATOR OR CONGRESSMAN'S OFFICE. THEY QUESTIONED PRISONERS ABOUT BRUTALITY, PRISON CONDITIONS, LACK OF MAIL, LACK OF MEDICINE, SANITATION AND FOOD. THEY ALSO SAID THEY HAD OR WERE VISITING ALL AMERICAN PRISONERS IN MEXICO.

3. THIS IS REPORTED SINCE MESSRS. WOOD AND GREGG MISREPRESENTED THEMSELVES AT CONGEN ON JAN. 16. THEY WERE NOT FRIENDS OF LEARY, AND APPRENTLY ARE MAKING STUDY OF AMERICAN PRISONERS IN MEXICO. LAMBERT

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